Notification


Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (CoS) (Fifth Amendment) 2016

Preamble

The Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (CoS) were notified in the Karnataka Gazette on 17th June, 2006. Subsequently the first, the second, the third and the fourth amendments to such Conditions of Supply were notified on 20th March, 2008; 22nd July, 2010; 26th August, 2014, and 28th January, 2016, respectively.

It was found necessary to make certain further amendments to the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka and a draft of such amendments (Fifth Amendment) was notified vide Notification No: KERC/CoS/D/2/16-17, Bengaluru, dated: 30.06.2016 inviting objections/suggestions/views from the stakeholders. The Draft Amendment was also hosted on the Commission's website www.karnataka.gov.in/kerc and published in the newspapers for the information of public/interested persons. The Commission has received objections/suggestions/views from the stakeholders. The Commission has also held a 'Public Hearing' on 19.10.2016 in the matter. The Commission has considered the views/suggestions/objections received from the stakeholders.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Section 16 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act No. 36 of 2003) read with Condition 7.3 of the KERC (Conditions of Licence for the ESCOMs) Regulations, 2004, and all powers enabling it in that behalf, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, hereby makes the following amendments to the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of the Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka, 2006.

1. Title and commencement.

(a) This may be called the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (CoS) (Fifth Amendment), 2016.
(b) It shall apply to all the Licensees engaged in the business of distribution of electricity and the consumers of electricity in the State of Karnataka.

(c) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official Gazette of Karnataka.

II. In the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka, the existing Clause mentioned in Column-2 of table below shall be substituted by the Clause mentioned in Column-3.

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<td>For industrial layouts developed, including the residential buildings constructed for the use of entrepreneurs, as part of industrial area, by the KIADB/KSSIDC/KEONICS/ Others, the entire work of 11 kV line/UG Cable/AB cable, LT line /UG cable/AB cable, transformers etc., shall be carried out on self-execution basis by the applicant as per the estimate prepared by the licensee. Supervision charges at 10% on the cost of estimate excluding employees cost and MSD shall be payable subject to a maximum of Rs. 15 lakhs. In such cases, maintenance charges of five (5%) per cent on the total cost of the estimate and recovery of expenditure for supply of electricity as per the KERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2004 and its amendments from time to time, shall not be collected.</td>
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ii) The H.T. / E.H.T. Consumers desirous of using a part of the premises for residential or commercial purposes as the case may be shall be permitted to use power within their premises through a LT sub-meter. The consumption so recorded in the sub-meter shall be deducted from the consumption recorded in the main meter and the consumption recorded in the sub-meter shall be billed as per the applicable LT residential or commercial tariff in force. In such cases no fixed charges shall be levied on the LT residential or commercial load.

iii) The H.T / E.H.T. Consumer desirous of letting out a part of his premises for industrial purpose shall be permitted to allow his tenant to use the power at the same tariff as applicable to the said consumer and to collect the charges for the power from such tenant on no profit no loss basis (i.e., sharing of electricity bill) through a sub-meter as approved by the licensee and such arrangement shall not be treated as unauthorized extension of supply or resale of electricity.

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10] Bulk check meter shall be provided by the Licensee at his cost for the purpose of energy audit for all buildings where power supply is sanctioned under the Clause 9.0 where sanctioned load is 25 kW or more or built up area of the building is more than 500 sq. mtrs.

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a) The capacity of the distribution transformer installed in the Applicant’s premises shall be based on the requisitioned load of the building with a Load Diversity Factor (DF) of Unity in respect of commercial loads and Load Diversity Factor (DF) of 1.5 in respect of residential loads.

Illustration: For a requisitioned load of 300 kVA for residential purpose, the transformer capacity shall be 300/1.5 (Requisitioned load/DF) 200 kVA.

However, the standard capacity adopted by the licensee, shall be considered for sizing of the transformer.

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<td>(a) The prospective Consumer shall apply for temporary supply in the prescribed form to the Section / Sub-Division Office of the Licensee. No registration cum processing fee is payable. He shall pay service charges of Rs. 50/- per Installation and advance estimated power consumption charges as per Clause 12.01(c) at the prevailing Tariff rate.</td>
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APPLICABLE TO LT & HT TEMPORARY POWER SUPPLY:

(a) (i) If the load is less than 50 KW/67 HP, the consumer shall avail power under LT supply and if the load is 50 KW/67 HP and above, the consumer shall avail HT power supply.

(ii) The prospective consumer shall apply for temporary supply in the prescribed form to the Licensee’s Section / Sub-Division Office in the case of LT and Division office in the case of HT. No registration cum processing fee is payable. He shall pay service charges and advance estimated power consumption charges as per Clause 12.01(c) at the prevailing Tariff rate.
| 12.01 | (d) On receipt of wiring diagram and completion-cum-test report of the contractor and Agreement in the prescribed form and copies of permit / licence / NOC, etc., and payment of necessary advance consumption charges, work order for temporary supply shall be issued by the Licensee.  

**Note:**  
(1) Permit / Licence / NOC is not required for floor polishing, Water pumping, marriages and domestic functions.  
(2) Approval of the Electrical Inspectorate is required for temporary electrical installations where 100 or more people are likely to gather or assemble in a single place. |

| 12.01 | (e) The Applicant shall arrange to execute the work of providing the service line including distribution Transformer if necessary for load of 50 KW and above and also service main work as per the Licensee's estimate and specifications on self-execution basis through a qualified licensed electrical Contractor. The Consumer shall pay to the Licensee supervision charges at 10% on the cost of estimate, subject to a minimum of Rs.100/- per work.  

However, the service line work shall be commenced only after orders sanctioning the temporary supply are issued by the Licensee. The charges of Rs.50/- per installation in case of LT supply & Rs 250/- in case of HT supply and advance estimated power consumption charges as per the Clause 12.01(e) at the prevailing Tariff rate.  

(e) The Applicant shall arrange to execute the work of providing the service line including service main & distribution Transformer if necessary for load of less than 50 KW and service line including drawing /extension of 11 kV line up to the HT Metering Cubicle for load of 50 KW and above as per the licensee's estimate and specifications, on self-execution basis through a qualified licensed electrical contractor. The consumer shall pay to the licensee supervision charges at 10% on the cost of estimate, subject to a minimum of Rs.500/- per work.  

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**For LT supply, the consumer**
Consumer shall provide current limiter of appropriate capacity and earth leakage circuit breaker of adequate capacity and capacitors, if any, as required under Clause 23.00

For HT supply, the provisions under Clause 8.0 of these Conditions shall be complied with wherever applicable.

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(a) The registered consumer shall furnish a consent letter for transferring the installation and also the deposits held in his name to the transferee.

Note: In the absence of consent letter from the registered consumer, the transferee shall produce any one of the following documents in respect of such installation.

i) Proof of ownership of the installation in the form of Registered sale deed or partition deed or kathwa/succession or heirship certificate or deed of last will.

ii) Proof of occupancy such as valid power of attorney or latest rent paid receipt or valid lease deed in respect of only non-commercial lighting and non-commercial combined lighting and heating installations.

b) An indemnity bond as per Annex-9 shall be executed by the transferee indemnifying the licensee against all disputes that may arise out of such transfer.

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(a) The transferee shall produce any of the following documents in proof of the ownership of the premises relating to that installation.

i) Registered sale deed

(ii) Registered partition deed

(iii) Registered gift deed

(iv) Letters of administration, probate or heirship certificate issued by the Competent Authority or Registered deed of last will.

(b) The transferee shall produce any of the following documents in proof of his occupation of the premises relating to such installation

(i) Lease or rent deed, deed of licence and a consent letter from the existing registered consumer for transferring the installation and the deposits held in his name to the transferee. If such consent letter is not produced, the transferee shall pay fresh deposits as if he is a new consumer.

(ii) In the absence of any consent letter from the existing registered consumer as stated in Clause 36.01 (b)(i) an indemnity bond as per Annex-9 shall be executed by the transferee indemnifying the licensee against all disputes that may arise out of such transfer.

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(d) The transferee shall:

(i) Pay transfer fee as specified under Clause 30.10

(ii) Produce the documents as specified in 36.01

Note: (ii)/ii)

(iii) Execute a fresh power supply Agreement with the Licensee.

(iv) Furnish photocopy of the licence /clearance issued in his favour by local authority if such licence /clearance required under any statute.

(iii) Undertake to pay any dues that may arise due to any short claims detected at a later date even in respect of periods prior to the date of transfer

(iv) Pay fresh deposits as if he is a new consumer in case there is no consent for transfer of deposit from registered consumer. In case consent of registered consumer for transfer of deposit is produced, no additional deposit shall be demanded at the time of transfer of installation.

By Order of the Commission

Secretary

Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

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